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Applicant:	Yoshiki YASUDA	Conf.:	8418
Appl. No.:	09/837,174	Group:	2878
Filed:	April 19, 2001	Examiner:	S. SOHN
For:	PHOTOCOUPLING DEVICE AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME		

COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT  
OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

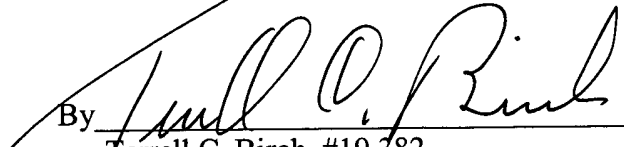
Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of claims 1 and 3-12 of the above-identified application. It is respectfully noted, however, that the Statement of Reasons for Allowance merely paraphrases, to a substantial extent, the limitations actually recited in the claims. It is respectfully noted that the claims stand upon their own recitations, and limitations should not be imputed to the claims based upon the Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Catherine M. Voisin (Reg. No. 52,327) at the telephone number below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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